



OAKNOTES

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Our Gems Within The Town

Dear Manchester Residents:

If you get the chance this summer, please take the time out of your busy schedule and visit one of our town parks.

The Town of Manchester is very proud of its parks system. We have the most acreage of park land of all of the municipalities in Carroll County with well over 100 acres.

The Town's most visited park in our system is Christmas Tree Park. Located on the east side of town, visitors can find picnic pavilions, playground equipment, tennis courts, ball fields and walking trails. Within walking distance is Water Street pond and the Lineboro/Manchester Lions Club Community Swimming Pool.

Another park that will prove fun and educational is Pine Valley Park, which is home to Charlotte's Quest Nature Center. This park can be accessed by either Walnut Street or Wilhelm Lane. Visitors will find over 4 miles of nature trails as well as a fishing pond. Charlotte's Quest Nature Center also offers many activities throughout the year. You can check out their activities by visiting them at www.charlottesquestnaturecenter.com.

Westside Memorial Park is located just off Route 27. This park offers visitors a pavilion and is home to the town's Skate Park.

The Town also owns and operates 2 other small community parks; Crossroads Overlook Park and Manchester Farms Multi-Purpose Field.

Just outside the town limits are 2 parks which are owned and operated by Carroll County; Cape Horn Park and North Carroll Community Pond. Cape Horn offers ballfields and a 1 mile walking trail. North Carroll Community Pond offers a well stocked pond and pavilion.

Take the time and save some gas!! Visit some of these parks that are right in your backyard.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Miller
Your Town Manager

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Community Information



MAKE IT A GREAT VACATION !

To help you enjoy your vacation, here are some preventative tips to consider before you leave.

- * Inspect all of your interior water pipes and valves for leaks.
- * Make sure the valves are shut off to your washing machine.
- * Shut off all outside spigots and hose bibs.
- * Before you leave the house, check your toilets to be sure that the tanks have filled and have shut off.



PARADE NIGHT!!

Join us for our parade,
Tuesday, July 1st
Beginning at 6pm

**DON'T MISS THE
SPECTACULAR
FIREWORKS DISPLAY !!!**

Wednesday, July 2nd



Make sure your correspondence gets to us! Please include our post office box number in the address:
PO BOX 830

B-I-N-G-O

JULY NO BINGO

AUGUST NO BINGO

SEPTEMBER 12TH & 19TH

OCTOBER 10TH & 24TH

BINGO BEGINS AT 7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

**COME OUT &
JOIN THE FUN!!!**

Manchester Activities Bldg.

M.A.M.A. NEWS!

Manchester Area Merchants (M.A.M.A.) invites all persons with a business interest in the 21102 zip code area to join us. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon, alternating locations between Dutch Corner and Spargos. Our mission is to implement activities designed to encourage community relations, promote a healthy business environment, and provide a valuable forum for networking. If anyone would like more information about M.A.M.A., or our activities, please know that you are welcome at our meetings.

M.A.M.A. was very proud to award **8 college scholarships this year**. We awarded our \$1000 scholarship to our top applicant (after some really tough deliberation) and we awarded \$250 each to seven additional recipients.

M.A.M.A. sponsored a very successful **business networking event** at Christopher's Home Fashions in May. We had a wonderful time at **Manchester Day** again this year, and were pleased to give a gasoline gift card to a lucky winner. The M.A.M.A. **Welcome Committee** is in the process of preparing some wonderful tote bags which will be filled with all kinds of valuable information to assist new business people and new M.A.M.A. members in learning about our organization and our business community.

We are now gearing up for **Black Friday**, and thanks to a contribution from M.A.M.A., and sponsorship by many of the members, we expect to have the **Christmas Train Garden** back again this year. Brian Gerhold was given an additional train garden that needed some work to make it operational, and he expects to have it ready as a substantial addition to what we have seen in the past.

If anyone that serves the Manchester area has news or information that needs to be shared with our local business community, we wish that you would feel welcome to attend our meeting.

For more information, contact Charlie Evans at 877.777.0871.

TOWN HALL INFO

**Monday – Friday
8:00am – 4:30pm**

410-239-3200

**Water or Sewer Emergency
410-492-0516**

Charlotte's Quest

Become a friend of Charlotte's Quest Nature Center. Become a member of the Manchester Parks Foundation. Your membership gift allows us to continue our mission of environmental education, protection of our natural resources, restoration of native plants and animals, and the creation of a more diverse habitat. Help us to continue to advance in our teaching and in better serving our area schools and the community. Members play a vital role in the financial support of Charlotte's Quest. Members of the Manchester Parks Foundation receive the following benefits:

- Advance notice and first priority to sign up for the Center's most popular programs.
- Issues of Nature Calls, the nature center's quarterly newsletter.
- Discounts on Nature Center merchandise and program fees.

For more info, log onto www.charlottesquestnaturecenter.com.

Manchester Area Residents



BRUSH PICK-UP OCTOBER 21st

Please place all brush and limbs facing in the same direction with the cut edges facing the road. **All limbs must be less than 4" in diameter.** You can put your limbs and brush into bags or containers, however we will leave these for your disposal.

Please keep the area around your water meter touchpad clear of shrubs and vegetation so that Town personnel can accurately read your meter.

** Grass & Weeds **

Residents are asked to please keep grass and weeds mowed on a regular basis to avoid violation of Code Section #62-8. Grass and weeds should be maintained in a manner so that they do not exceed 12" in height.

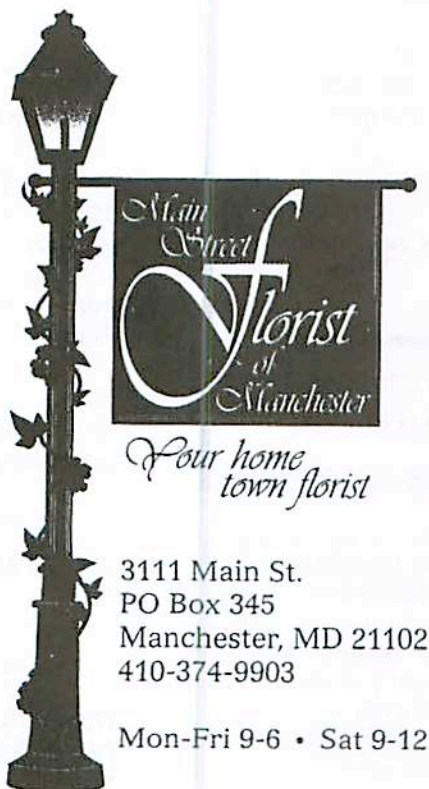


BULK TRASH PICK-UP

August 20th

To take advantage of the Bulk Trash pick-up, you must first call Hughes Trash Removal between the first of the month and the day before pick-up. 410-374-6467.

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Manchester Police

Summertime is upon us. Children are out of school. Time for cookouts and parties. Please drive carefully through our neighborhoods and stay alert for children playing. Remember to call and advise the Police Department if you are planning a function and will need to temporarily park cars on the street. Once your request has been approved, try not to block your neighbor's driveway and have your guests park their vehicles only on one side of the street to allow for emergency vehicle access.

We now have three certified Child Seat Technicians available. Pfc. Immler is the most recent to have received this certification. Please call the Manchester Police Department if you wish to have your child safety seats inspected or installed.

We have had great success with the neighborhoods that are currently involved in the Neighborhood Watch. We would like to expand this program to include more residents and neighborhoods. Please contact Pfc. Goodwin if you are interested.

With the approval of the fiscal year 2009 budget, we are accepting applications for a sixth officer and hope to have this officer on the street as soon as possible.

The North Carroll Auxiliary Police are in the process of having their donated vehicles painted black and tan graphics package applied. You will notice them patrolling your neighborhoods and checking on businesses. The Auxiliary is a support unit for the Manchester and Hampstead Police Departments. They survive solely on donations.

The Manchester Police Department wishes everyone a safe summer!

Manchester Police Department

Chief Gerald J. Gall
Lt. Joseph Peters
Cpl. Stephen Goetz
PFC Aimee Goodwin
PFC Eric Immler
Cara Drennen

IMPORTANT !!



With the temperatures rising, please remember to conserve water. According to our **Water Use Moratorium**, no residential user of water shall use water for the purposes of watering or sprinkling lawns or for the filling of pools or ponds of any nature.



The 2008 winner of the Charlotte B. Collett Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **JaAnna Walker**. She will receive \$1000 to help continue her education.

Good Luck JaAnna!!

North Carroll Police Auxiliary

This is a group of people volunteering their time to assist the Manchester and Hampstead Police Departments. Their duties include assisting with traffic control at emergency scenes, helping with special events, and patrolling both towns. They are extra eyes and ears to help prevent crime and make our towns a safer place to live and work.

If you would like more information, or would like to become a member, please contact Chief Gall at the Manchester Police Department.

VOLUNTEERS FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY!

Cpt. Chuck Drennen
Lt. Dave Vickers
Cpl. Taren VanHeerden
Officer Tom Daugherty



The brush dump site located on Water Street is open to Manchester residents **only!** Current hours of operation are Mondays from 9am – 3pm.



PERMIT POINTERS

The Town would like to remind residents that construction of decks, pools, (greater than 2ft deep, above-ground and in-ground) and sheds greater than 150 sq. ft. **require a building permit** issued by Carroll County Permits.

The following requires a Zoning Certificate from the Town of Manchester:

- ❖ Sheds – less than 150sq ft
- ❖ All fences must be approved for type, location and height by the Town **prior** to installation

Reminder: Filling of pools is prohibited with town water sources. Outside vendors must be used.

MANCHESTER HISTORICAL CENTER

The Manchester Historical Center will be closed the first Sunday in July in observance of the 4th of July holiday. The Center will be open August 3rd and September 7th, 1-3pm and at other times during the month by calling Julia Berwager (410-239-7673). The Center is located in the basement of the Memorial Building.

The Center has a room filled with photos of the old Manchester High School graduating classes and other articles of interest including year books and other donated materials.

In one of the rooms a visitor can see clothing worn by early ancestors. Another room is filled with pictures of what Manchester once looked like as to its streets, buildings, etc. Many houses on Main Street can be seen as they appeared years ago. Another room has more up to date items.

The following is a continuation of interesting items as compiled by Charlotte Collett:

The first school was established by church in 1762 at the north end of town and destroyed by fire in 1813 and in 1820 another school was built south of the cemetery.

An academy by Act of Assembly 1829 – 1831 was built on land donated by George Motter. L. Peter Sauble was the builder.

Manchester United Academy and School changed in 1835 to Manchester School.

The Academy was run by Rev. Dr. Jacob Albert with George Everhart, Peter Sauble, Martin Kroh, George Shower, Jacob Shower, Solomon Myerly, George Motter, John Weaver and Frederick Ritter. Tuition was \$2, \$3, and \$5 a quarter with boarding available. Mr. Joseph M. Parke was the first principal. Closed during the Civil War due to a division among trustees concerning the issues of the Civil War. Manchester Academy was later used as a public school, jail, engine house, cigar factory, printing plant, dwelling and then a high school. It was demolished in 1931.

The Center is always anxious to have materials for its collection. We are especially interested in old obituaries, items of interest found in papers and things from the past.

Timothy F. Schmitt
Financial Center Leader
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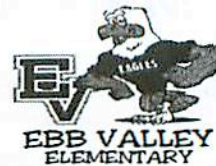
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EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY INFO



Excitement is building as we await the opening of Ebb Valley Elementary School to students. We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Pat Reed has been appointed Assistant Principal at Ebb Valley. Mrs. Reed is currently serving as Assistant Principal at Piney Ridge Elementary School and was previously a classroom teacher at Freedom District Elementary School.

The Eagle is our school mascot. Our school colors are Silver and Navy Blue.

We would like to extend a big Thank You to the Manchester Volunteer Firemen and Ladies Auxiliary who donated \$2000 to the Carroll County Education Foundation to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for placement at Ebb Valley Elementary.

The PTA of Ebb Valley is trying to raise money for a school sign that will be placed in front of the Ebb Valley School. The cost of the sign will be approximately \$3000.00. We have come up with a creative idea to help with this project. We are calling it, "**BUY A BRICK**". We are selling "bricks" for \$5 a piece. (The bricks are not real.) Each person, family, or company that buys a brick will be recognized on our Brick Wall of Fame at Ebb Valley. The Brick Wall of Fame will be displayed at Ebb Valley Elementary. If you would like to help, please send in a check or a money order made payable to **Ebb Valley Elementary School, 3100 Swiper Road, Manchester, 21102.**

Open House for students will be on August 22nd. Students can tour the building and meet their teachers from 5:00p.m.-5:45p.m. followed by a "Picnic with the Principal" at 5:45p.m.

If you are **new** to the area or have a child who will be 5 on or before September 1st, please register him/her for school as soon as possible. For more information on registration, please call the school office at 410-386-1550.

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Manchester Carnival

JUNE 30 – JULY 5

Monday	"The Fabulous Hubcaps" <i>Queens Contest</i>
Tuesday	"David Davis & the Warrior River Boys" <i>Firemen's Parade</i>
Wednesday	"Bootleg" <i>Fireworks !!</i>
Thursday	"Iron Ridge"
Friday	"Grass Valley Outlaws"
Saturday	"Rough Country"

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2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
System ID# MD0060006
The Town of Manchester, Maryland
May 31, 2008

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The Town of Manchester is pleased to present to you, the consumer, our 2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services the Town of Manchester delivers to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you and your family with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water sources. We at the Town of Manchester Water Department are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

We at the Town of Manchester are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets Federal and State requirements. The following report is in compliance with Federal regulations and will be provided annually. This report outlines the quality of our finished drinking water and what that quality means. Should you have any questions concerning your water utility, please contact Donald Nott, Director of Public Works at 410-239-1482 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings. They are scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 3208 York Street.

The Town of Manchester currently withdraws its' water from 14 Groundwater Sources (Wells) and 1 Surface Water Source (Springs). These sources are identified as: Holland Drive Well, Bachman Road Well, Patricia Court Well, Park Ridge Well, Hallie Hills #13, Hallie Hills #14, Crossroads Overlook Well #1, Crossroads Overlook Well # 2, Manchester Farms Well #10, Hallie Hills Well #11, Walnut Street Spring and 3 wells on Ferrier Road. One thing to remember is that Well Sources are columns that are drilled into the earth to an aquifer, this aquifer is tapped and the water is then pumped to the surface for distribution. Surface Water Sources are shallow water sources that are closer to the earth's surface, this water is collected in a underground tank called a cistern, treated, and is then ready for distribution. All of the Wells and the Walnut Street Spring are in the Gillis Group Formation Aquifer, with the exception of the Bachman Road Well which is in the Sam's Creek Formation Aquifer.

Summary

The Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Supply Program (WSP) has conducted a Source Water Assessment for the Town of Manchester. The required components of this report as described in Maryland's Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) are: 1) delineation of an area that contributes water to the source, 2) identification of potential sources of contamination, and 3) determination of the susceptibility of the water supply to contamination. Recommendations for protecting the drinking water supply conclude this report.

The source of Manchester's water supply is an unconfined fractured rock aquifer, known as the Upper Pelitic Schist. The system currently uses fourteen wells and one spring to obtain its drinking water. The Source Water Assessment Area was delineated by the Carroll County Bureau of Water Resources Management and the Water Supply Program using U.S. EPA approved methods specifically designed for each source.

Potential sources of contamination within the assessment area were identified based on site visits, database reviews and land use maps. Well information and water quality data were also reviewed. Figures showing land uses and potential contaminant sources within the Source Water Assessment Area and an aerial photograph of the well locations are enclosed at the end of the report.

The susceptibility analysis for Manchester's water supply is based on a review of the water quality data, potential sources of contamination, aquifer characteristics, and well and spring integrity. It was determined that all of Manchester's water supply sources are susceptible to contamination by nitrates, volatile organic compounds, and radon, but not to synthetic organic compounds, other radionuclides or inorganic compounds. It was also determined that all of Manchester's water supply sources are not susceptible to protozoans except for Crossroads Well 1. In addition, Bachman Rd., Patricia Ct. and Walnut St. Wells and Hillside are susceptible to total coliform.

The Town of Manchester's Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The information on the following pages shows the results of our monitoring period of January 1st to December 31st, 2007. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up these substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Definitions

In this report you may find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (N/D) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Not-Applicable (N/A) - laboratory analysis was not required for this contaminant.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligram per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l) - 1 part per quadrillion corresponds to 1 minute in 2,000,000,000 years.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/l) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - unit to measure the clarity of water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Levels

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Non-Detected Contaminants

The following is a list of potential drinking water contaminants that the Town of Manchester is required to test for, but which have not been detected in the water supply in the past year. The Town is only required to provide information on those contaminants it has detected in the finished water supply, but is providing the complete list in order to better inform its customers about the extent of testing that is done to their water.

Contaminant

1. Total Coliform Bacteria
2. Fecal Coliform and E.Coli
3. Antimony
4. Arsenic
5. Asbestos
6. Barium
7. Beryllium
8. Cadmium
9. Chromium
10. Cyanide
11. Fluoride
12. Lead
13. Mercury
14. Nitrite
15. Selenium
16. Thallium
17. 2,4-D
18. 2,4,5-TP
19. Acrylamide
20. Alachlor
21. Atrazine
22. Benzo(a)pyrene
23. Carbofuran
24. Chlordane

Contaminant

26. Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate
27. Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
28. Dibromochloropropane
29. Dinoseb
30. Diquat
31. Dioxin
32. Endothall
33. Endrin
34. Epichlorohydrin
35. Ethylene Dibromide
36. Glyphosate
37. Heptachlor
38. Heptachlor epoxide
39. Hexachlorobenzene
40. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
41. Lindane
42. Methoxychlor
43. Oxamyl
44. PCB's
45. Pentachlorophenol
46. Picloram
47. Simazine
48. Toxaphene
49. Benzene

Contaminant

51. Chlorobenzene
52. o-Dichlorobenzene
53. p-Dichlorobenzene
54. 1,2-Dichloroethane
55. 1,1-Dichloroethylene
56. cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene
57. trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene
58. Dichloromethane
59. 1,2-Dichloropropane
60. Ethylbenzene
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62. Tetrachloroethylene
63. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
64. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane
65. 1,1,2-Trichloroethane
66. Trichloroethylene
67. Total Trihalomethanes
68. Toluene
69. Vinyl Chloride
70. Xylenes

Detected Contaminant NOT in Violation of the MCL

The Town of Manchester also found Nitrates to be present in the water at a level that is in compliance with the MCL, and does not constitute a known threat to public health. The levels listed below for Nitrates does not constitute a violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 ppm, but because the levels that were detected was more than half the allowable MCL, we are required to outline the potential health effects of nitrates in drinking water.

Contaminant	Location	Level Detected	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (As Nitrogen)	Holland Dr. Well	4.8 ppm	0	10	Runoff from fertilizer use, septic tank leaching, erosion of natural deposits.
	Bachman Rd. Well	4.6 ppm	0	10	
	Patricia Ct. Well	7.3 ppm	0	10	
	Park Ridge	6.5 ppm			
	Walnut St. Spring	7.4 ppm	0	10	
	Crossroads Overlook # 1	3.8 ppm	0	10	
	Crossroads Overlook # 2	3.9 ppm	0	10	
	Manchester Farms Well	5.5 ppm	0	10	
	Hallie Hill	6.3 ppm	0	10	
	Ferrier Rd. A	2.1 ppm	0	10	
	B	1.7 ppm	0	10	
	C	1.4 ppm	0	10	

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Lead and Copper

In September of 2005 the Town of Manchester sampled for Lead and Copper in the distribution system. All Lead and Copper results were below the MCL at the 90th percentile. Major sources of Copper in drinking water is corrosion of household plumbing systems, or erosion of natural deposits. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing Copper in excess of the MCL over a short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing Copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. Person's with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor. The next testing date is September 2008.

Radon

The Town of Manchester monitors the water supply for various contaminants. The Town of Manchester has detected Radon in the finished water supply in 7 out of 12 locations tested. Results were: Walnut 2020pC/L, Holland Drive Well 4500pC/L, Patricia Ct. Well 5050pC/L, Ferrier Road 4300pC/L, Park Ridge 1975pC/L, Crossroads Overlook #2 4000 pC/L, and Manchester Farms 2945pC/L. At the current time Federal regulation for Radon standards in drinking water have been proposed, the proposed levels may be between 300 - 4000 pC/L. Radon is a radioactive gas that you can't see, taste, or smell. It is found all over the United States. Radon can move up through the ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. Radon can build up to high levels in all types of homes. Radon can also get into indoor air when released from tap water from showering, washing dishes, and other household activities. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source of radon in indoor air. Radon is a known human carcinogen. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon may also cause increased risk of stomach cancer. If you are concerned about radon in your home, test the air in your home. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Fix your home if the level of radon in your air is 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) or higher. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that aren't too costly. For additional information, call your state radon program or call EPA's Radon Hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON.

Educational Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemo-therapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water

provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Violations

We at the Town of Manchester are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements.

What The Future Holds !!!!

The Town of Manchester is continually making strides to up-grade your water system. The Town of Manchester is also continuing our exploration of new water sources for the Town to enhance the current system.

To keep making these improvements to your water system, and to maintain a safe and dependable supply, the costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary and dictated by the State in order to continually make improvements.

We at the Town of Manchester work very hard and diligently to provide top quality water to every tap. We look forward to the addition of Manchester Valley High School and Park Ridge Well "B" coming on line in the near future, which will add two water sources. Another huge asset to the Town is the addition of the Manchester Baptist Church Water Tower, located on the north end of Town. We ask that all our customers help us to protect all of our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.

Thank-you again for allowing us to continue providing you and your family with clean, quality water in 2007.

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4 Closed - Holiday
8 Town Council Meeting
15 Planning & Zoning
23 BZA – if needed

August

12 Town Council Meeting
19 Planning & Zoning Meeting
20 Bulk Pick Up
27 BZA if needed

September

1 Closed - Holiday
9 Town Council Meeting
16 Planning & Zoning
24 BZA – if needed

October

14 Town Council Meeting
21 Planning & Zoning Meeting
29 BZA if needed

All meetings begin at 7:30pm